GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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PROMOTION OF HINDI IN MISSIONS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Embassies, Consulates and other offices located in various countries, country-wise;

(b) the names of the Embassies and other offices out of them, where President`s Address on the occasion of Republic Day was read out in Hindi and the officers posted there delivered their speeches in Hindi;

(c) the details of steps taken to ensure use of Hindi during such celebrations of national importance;

(d) the Mission-wise number of persons taught Hindi during each of the last three years; and

(e) the success achieved by the Government as a result of the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) The list of Indian Embassies/High Commissions, Consulates General and other Posts is given at Annexure-I.

(b) List of Indian Embassies/High Commissions and other posts where President`s Address was read out in Hindi, and the officers posted there delivered their speeches in Hindi, during the Republic Day, 2005, is enclosed at Annexure-II.

(c) Indian Missions/Posts abroad organized short cultural programmes immediately after the Flag Hoisting ceremony or in some places an evening cultural function was organized wherein patriotic songs in Hindi were sung with active participation of the India-based officials in the Mission/Post as well as members of the Indian community. Some Indian Missions also organized Hindi Essay Competitions and distributed Hindi books to libraries and academic institutions on National Days. Some of our Ambassadors/High Commissioners also gave speeches in Hindi during National Day celebrations.

(d) The Mission-wise number of foreign nationals taught Hindi in India at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, during the last three years, as part of the propagation of Hindi abroad, is enclosed at Annexure-III.

(e) The measures taken by Indian Missions/Posts abroad during National Day functions for promotion and propagation of Hindi have been largely successful, as majority of participants in these functions were either Indian nationals or Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs). These events provided an opportunity for PIOs to engage themselves more and more with Hindi learning and other Hindi propagation activities so as to refresh their interest in Indian culture.
Annexure-I

List of Indian Missions/Posts Abroad

I Embassies of India

Sl. No.	Name of Country	Sl. No.	Name of Country
1	Afghanistan	51	Nepal
2	Algeria	52	Netherlands
3	Angola	53	Norway
4	Argentina	54	Oman
5	Armenia	55	Panama
6	Austria	56	Peru
7	Azerbaijan	57	Philippines
8	Bahrain	58	Poland
9	Belarus	59	Portugal

10 Belgium
11 Bhutan
12 Brazil
13 Bulgaria
14 Cambodia
15 Chile
16 China
17 Colombia
18 Cote D`Ivoire
19 Croatia
20 Cuba
21 Czech Republic
22 Denmark
23 Egypt
24 Ethiopia
25 Finland
26 France
27 Germany
28 Greece
29 Hungary
30 Indonesia
31 Iran
32 Iraq
33 Ireland
34 Israel
35 Italy
36 Japan
37 Jordan
38 Kazakhstan
39 Korea (North)
40 Korea (South)
41 Kuwait
42 Kyrgyzstan
43 Laos
44 Lebanon
45 Libya
46 Madagascar
47 Mexico
48 Mongolia
49 Morocco
50 Myanmar
60 Qatar
61 Romania
62 Russian Federation
63 Saudi Arabia
64 Senegal
65 Serbia & Montenegro
66 Slovak Republic
67 Spain
68 Sudan
69 Surinam
70 Sweden
71 Switzerland
72 Syria
72 Tajikistan
74 Thailand
75 Tunisia
76 Turkey
77 Turkmenistan
78 UAE
79 USA
80 Ukraine
81 Uzbekistan
82 Venezuela
83 Vietnam
84 Yemen
85 Zimbabwe

II High Commissions of India

Sl. No. Name of Country

1 Australia
2 Bangladesh
3 Botswana
4 Brunei Darussalam
5 Canada
6 Cyprus
7 Fiji
8 Ghana
9 Guyana
10 Jamaica
11 Kenya
12 Malaysia
13 Maldives
14 Mauritius
15 Mozambique
16 Namibia
17 New Zealand
18 Nigeria
19 Pakistan
20 Papua New Guinea
21 Seychelles
22 Singapore
23 South Africa
24 Sri Lanka
25 Tanzania
26 Trinidad & Tobago
27 Uganda
28 U.K.
29 Zambia

III Consulates General of India

Sl. No.	Name of Country
1	Herat, Afghanistan
2	Kandhar, Afghanistan
3	Jalalabad, Afghanistan
4	Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan
5	Sydney, Australia
6	Sao Paulo, Brazil
7	Toronto, Canada
8	Vancouver, Canada
9	Hong Kong, China
10	Shanghai, China
11	Reunion Island, France
12	Frankfurt, Germany
13	Hamburg, Germany
14	Munich, Germany
15	Medan, Indonesia
16	Milan, Italy
17	Osaka-Kobe, Japan
18	Mandalay, Myanmar
19	Birgunj, Nepal
20	St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
21	Vladivostok, Russian Federation
22	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
23	Durban, South Africa
24	Johannesburg, South Africa
25	Geneva, Switzerland
26	Zanzibar, Tanzania
27	Istanbul, Turkey
28	Dubai, UAE
29	Birmingham, UK
30	Edinburgh, UK
31	Chicago, USA
32	Houston, USA
33	New York, USA
34	San Francisco, USA
35	Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam

IV SPECIAL MISSIONS

IV-A Assistant High Commissions of India

Sl.No.	Name of Country
1	Chittagong, Bangladesh
2	Rajshahi, Bangladesh
3	Mombasa, Kenya
4	Kandy, Sri Lanka

IV-B Consulates of India

1	Bandar Abbas, Iran
2	Zahidan, Iran
3	Chiangmai, Thailand

IV-C Other Missions

1	Liaison Office of EOI Thimphu, Phuentsholing, Bhutan
2	Representative Office of EOI, Almaty, Astana, Kazakhstan
3	Representative Office of HCI, Lagos, Abuja, Nigeria

4 Representative Office of India, Ramallah, Palestine
5 Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO, Paris, France
6. Permanent Mission of India to UN, Geneva, Switzerland
7 Representative Office of HCI, Pretoria, Cape Town, USA
8 Permanent Mission of India to UN, New York

Annexure-II

Names of the Missions/Posts where President`s Address was read out in Hindi and the officer posted there addressed in Hindi (Partially in Hindi and partially in English)#

1. Addis Ababa, Embassy of India

2. Algiers, Embassy of India

3. Bangkok#, Embassy of India

4. Berne, Embassy of India

5. Birgunj, Consulate General of India
6. Bogota, Embassy of India

7 Brunei Darussalam, High Commission of India

8. Chicago, Consulate General of India

9. Copenhagen#, Embassy of India
10. Almaty, Embassy of India
11. Doha, Embassy of India
12. Geneva, Permanent Mission of India
13. Hanoi, Embassy of India
14. Harare, Embassy of India
15. Helsinki, Embassy of India
16. Hong Kong, Consulate General of India
17. Jalalabad, Consulate General of India
18. Jeddah, Consulate General of India
19. Kabul, Embassy of India
20. Kampala, High Commission of India
21. Kandy, Assistant High Commission of India
22. Kathmandu, Embassy of India
23. Khartoum, Embassy of India
24. Kobe, Consulate General of India
25. Kuala Lumpur, High Commission of India
26. London, High Commission of India
27. Luanda, Embassy of India
28. Mahe, High Commission of India
29. Mandalay, Consulate General of India
30. Mazar-e-Sharif, Consulate General of India
31. Milan#, Consulate General of India
32. Muscat, Embassy of India
33. Nairobi, Consulate General of India
34. New York, Consulate General of India
35. Nicosia, High Commission of India
36. Oslo, Embassy of India
37. Panama, Embassy of India
38. Paramaribo, Embassy of India
39. Port Luis, High Commission of India
40. Port of Spain, High Commission of India
41. Prague, Embassy of India
42. Pyongyang, Embassy of India
43. Ramallah, Representative of India
44. Rome#, Embassy of India
45. Santiago, Embassy of India
46. Shanghai, Consulate General of India
47. Singapore, High Commission of India
48. St. Petersburg, Consulate General of India
49. Sydney, Consulate General of India
50. Toronto, Consulate General of India

51. Tunis, Embassy of India
52. Vienna, Embassy of India
53. Vientiane, Embassy of India
54. Vladivostok, Consulate General of India
55. Windhoek, High Commission of India
56. Yangon, Embassy of India
57. Yerevan, Embassy of India
58. Zagreb#, Embassy of India

Annexure-III

Mission-wise number of Foreign Nationals taught Hindi in India, under scheme of propagation of Hindi abroad, during each of the last three years:

S. N.	Indian Embassy/High Commission	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1.	Ashgabat (Turkmenistan)	-	-	01
2.	Bangkok (Thailand)	02	04	02
3.	Bucharest (Romania)	03	03	-
4.	Budapest (Hungary)	02	-	02
5.	Colombo (Sri Lanka)	04	12	09
6.	Dushanbe (Tajikistan)	01	05	-
7	George Town (Guyana)	08	-	04
8.	Hanoi (Vietnam)	-	01	02
9.	Jakarta (Indonesia)	02	01	01
10.	Kyiv (Ukraine)	02	-	01
11.	Manila (Philippines)	-	-	01
12.	Minsk (Belarus)	01	02	02
13.	Minsk (Belarus) (for Lithuania)	01	-	02
14.	Moscow (Russia)	-	07	-
15.	Paramaribo (Suriname)	02	05	03
16.	Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago)	10	08	-
17.	Prague (Czech Republic)	01	-	-
18.	Rome (Italy)	-	03	-
19.	Sofia (Bulgaria)	03	03	03
20.	Stockholm (Sweden) (for Latvia)	-	-	01
21.	Suva (Fiji)	02	-	02
22.	Tokyo (Japan)	04	04	03
23.	Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)	-	05	02
24.	Warsaw (Poland)	03	01	-
25.	Yerevan (Armenia)	02	03	02
26.	Yerevan (Armenia) (for Georgia)	-	02	02
27.	Zagreb (Croatia)	03	03	-
	Total	56	72	45